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### **Public comment period on draft bacteria TMDL report for 100 stream segments in the Licking River and Salt River basins**

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The Kentucky Division of Water has opened a public comment period on a draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report that addresses bacteria impairments in surface waters in Kentucky within the Licking River and Salt River basins. The report includes TMDLs for 100 stream segments within the following counties: Anderson, Bath, Bourbon, Bullitt, Bracken, Campbell, Clark, Fleming, Hardin, Jefferson, Kenton, Larue, Magoffin, Marion, Mason, Montgomery, Morgan, Nelson, Nicholas, Pendleton, Robertson, Rowan, Shelby, Spencer, and Washington.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify waters where water quality standards are not being met and to develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for pollutants in those waters. "Total Maximum Daily Load" is the amount of a pollutant a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards. A TMDL report contains the TMDL as well as related supporting data and information. TMDLs play a critical role in restoring water quality.

The report is available for review on the Division of Water Public Notice web page at <https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Pages/Water-Public-Notices-and-Hearings.aspx>. The report adds two new river-basin-focused appendices (Appendix F and K) to the Kentucky Statewide Bacteria TMDL, which contains important background information and also is available on the web page. Comments on the draft report received by email or mail must be dated or postmarked no later than September 3, 2021. Comments may be sent:

- Via email (*preferred method*) to: [TMDL@ky.gov](mailto:TMDL@ky.gov) (Subject line: "Statewide Bacteria TMDL")
- Via U.S. Mail to: Water Quality Branch (ATTN: Statewide Bacteria TMDL)  
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For assistance, questions, or more information, please contact the TMDL program at [TMDL@ky.gov](mailto:TMDL@ky.gov) or call 502-564-3410.